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Rich[d] Glasscock to Hannah Chichester, spinster, 29 April, 1761. Williamson Ball.

John Fauntleroy to Judith Griffin, 8 February, 1781. Griffin Fauntleroy.

George Fauntleroy to Sally Fauntleroy, spinster, 8 March, 1768. Robert Tomlin.

William Rochester to Ellianor Jones, 26 June, 1764. Jeremiah Brown.

Jno. Glasscock to Susannah Mitchell, spinster, 8 June, 1770. Rawleigh Downman.

John Luggitt to Frances Samford, spinster, 29 April, 1756. Joshua Singleton.

William Pierce to Mary Mountjoy, spinster, 2 April, 1753. Alvin Mountjoy.

Griffin Lewis to Lucy Luggitt, spinster, 18 September, 1760. John Luggitt.

William Sallard to Ann Barber, 14 May, 1761. Tho: Luggitt.

W[m]Son Ball to Priscilla Glasscock, 24 March, 1763- Rich[d] Glascock.

Robert Chinn to Eliza Bellfield, 15 May, 1764. Rich[d] Mitchell.

William Sydnor to Ellen Fauntleroy, 12 October, 1763. John Woodbridge. Signed in presence of LeRoy Peachy.

Roger Beckwith to Winifred Miskell, 6 January, 1762. Travers Tarpley.

Robt. Degges to Betty Lawson, 9 December, 1766. Geo. Reynolds.

Isaac Degges to Mary Degges, 31st December, 1792. Younger Belsick.

PROVIDENCE FORGE.

The place above named is a well-known station on the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, nearly half-way between Williamsburg and Richmond. It first appears as the property of the Rev. Charles Jeffery Smith, A. M., a Presbyterian minister from Long Island, N. Y., and his partner, William Holt, who also held together a tract of 500 acres in York county, with a mill thereon, called "Kennon's Mill." (Deed, York county, 1765.) In the *Virginia Gazette* for February 16, 1769, there is this notice: "We hear from Providence, in New Kent county, that on the 8th instant the Rev. Charles Jeffery Smith (who proposes to settle and reside on

his estate there) opened a subscription for erecting a Presbyterian church, seventy feet in length and forty feet in breadth, with galleries, which was sincerely encouraged." Probably Mr. Smith did not erect the church, as in the *Gazette* for January 25, 1771, Julius King Burbridge and Bartholomew Dandridge advertised for sale the moiety of the estate at "Providence," including the forge, late the property of Rev. Charles Jeffery Smith, deceased. The advertisement was as follows:

Pursuant to the last Will and Testament of the late Reverend Charles Jeffery Smith, deceased, will be sold, to the highest Bidders, at Providence Forge, New Kent County, on Monday the 18th of March, one undivided Moiety of a Tract of good level Land, well timbered with Pine, Oak, and Cypress, containing, by old Surveys, two thousand five hundred Acres, with the appurtenances, situated in the Counties of New Kent and Charles City, on both sides of Chickahominy River, whereon are several Plantations in good Order for making Grain of all sorts, which it produces very plentifully. There is on the Land a well built Forge, in good Repair, with everything necessary for carrying it on in the most profitable manner; also two well built Water Grist Mills, with three pair of stones, and a Bolting Mill that goes by Water, which are well accustomed from both the said Counties; likewise a well built Saw Mill. All which Works are convenient to Navigation, and on a large and constant stream of water. Also several Dwelling houses with Brick Chimnies, a large Storehouse, Granary, Smith's Shop, and many other convenient Houses; all newly built, in the best Manner; and a good Fishery.

Also to be sold, at the same Time and Place, one half of a Vessel, Burthen about twelve Hundred Bushels, sundry European and West India Goods, Stocks of all Kinds, Plank, Scantling, Smith's Tools, and other Things; possessed by Mr Smith, in Partnership with Mr William Holt.

At the same Time and Place will likewise be sold a Tract of good Land, containing five Hundred Acres, adjoining the former, on which is a Brick Dwelling house, and sundry Outhouses; a delightful Situation, with an agreeable Prospect. Also two Negroes, and a large and valuable Collection of Books, of which Mr. Smith was sole Owner. Credit will be allowed for one Half the Purchase Money for all Sums above fifty shillings until the 30th of April next, and for the other Half until the 30th of October, the Purchasers giving Bond, with good Security, to

JULIUS KING BURBRIDGE, } Executors.
BARTHOLOMEW DANDRIGE, }

Williamsburg, Jan. 24, 1771.

Francis Jerdone purchased Mr. Smith's portion, and the property was then held by Jerdone and Holt. Francis Jerdone, as appears from his original Bible in the possession of Francis Jerdone, Esq., now residing at "Stirling,"[1] in Charles City

[1] It was probably the place "with agreeable prospect," referred to in the advertisement.

county, adjacent to *Providence Forge*, was the son of John Jerdone, formerly magistrate of Jedburg, in the shire of Tiviotsdale, in Scotland. He was born January 30, 1720. His letter-book shows that he arrived at Hampton September 21, 1746, with a cargo of merchandise belonging to Messrs. Buchanan & Hamilton, merchants, in London. A few months later he settled in Yorktown, and engaged largely in trade. In 1753, having acquired a considerable fortune, he moved to Louisa county. He married Sarah Macon, of New Kent, born February 21, 1731–'32. Francis Jerdone died August 5, 1771. In the *Virginia Gazette* he is spoken of as "an eminent merchant, who had acquired a handsome fortune with the fairest reputation."

After his death, the business in partnership with Mr. Holt was continued by Mrs. Jerdone. There are some old account books which mention bar-iron, broad-hoes, and grubbing-hoes as the articles manufactured at the forge.

A mortgage deed made by William Holt to Mrs. Jerdone, January 1, 1775, shows that they had on the estate, which lay partly in New Kent and partly in Charles City (on which "a forge, a grist-mill and other valuable improvements" were said to be), ten slaves "employed in the forge," two carters, two millers, two smiths, a collier, a woodcutter, a waterman, eight women, and two boys.

William Holt was mayor of Williamsburg, and died in 1791. His daughter, Elizabeth, married William Coleman, commissioner of accounts, also mayor in 1807, and grandfather of the late Dr. Charles Washington Coleman, of Williamsburg.

There are some signs of the old forge at the place yet; and there is a deep canal, no doubt cut before the Revolution, for the purposes of the work started by Rev. Mr. Smith and Mr. Holt.

THE SHEILD FAMILY.

(*Concluded from Vol. III., p.* 269, *and Vol. IV., p.* 59.)

31. CAPT. SAMUEL SHEILD, of "Winton," York Co. mar. Sally C. Dudley, dau. of Major William Dudley, of Warwick Co. (Marriage Bond in 1805.) Her mother was a Cary. Issue: 49, Cary died young, without issue; 50, Mary Eliza mar. Dr. Francis Mallory, member of Congress (tombstone at "Point Pleasant"). Issue: a child, died infant.

34. HENRY HOWARD SHEILD, half-brother of the above Capt.